THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) Due to the increase in post-mortem cases referred to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences from 500 as originally envisaged to more than 1700, the Institute has requested the Delhi Administration to provide post-mortem facilities in Safdarjung Hospital or in any other hospital in South Delhi to reduce the work-load on the Institute. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is exploring the possibility of starting post-mortem work at the Safdarjung Hospital in order to reduce the load on AIIMS. AIIMS has been asked to continue to conduct post-mortem on all cases referred to them till the facilities are established at Safdarjung Hospital and a rational division of cases between the two institutions is worked out.

Repairs to M. V. Chidambaram

148. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which M.V. Chidambaram caught fire;

(b) whether the ship has been repaired and recommissioned;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The vessel M. V. Chidambaram caught fire on 12-2-1985.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) It was decided not to repair the vessel for the following reasons:—

(1) The vessel which was build in 1966 was already 19 years old.

(2) The repair cost involved was quite substantial, i.e., about Rs. 2,78 crores.

(3) The voyage economic showed that the operation of the vessel after repairs would be economically unviable.

Considering all these factors SCI has been permitted to scrap the vessel M.V. Chidambaram.

Railway accidents

149. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway accidents that took place during the last two months; and

(b) what are the causes thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) During the months of February and March, 1986, 52 & 41 train accidents occurred respectively.

(b) Equipment failure, failure of railway staff, failure of persons other than railway staff and combination of factors.

Doctors in North and North-Eastern Railways

150. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criterio for *ad-hoc* appointment of doctors (M.B.B.S.) in the Railways;

(b) The number of doctors who have been recruited from March 1983 to March